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SUBJ: MTN SUBGROUP MEETING ON STANDARDS CODE,
MARCH 21-25, 1977

1. SUMMARY: LONG-STANDING PROBLEM OF DEFINITIONS RE-
SOLVED BY ACCEPTANCE OF COMPROMISE PROPOSAL. AGREEMENT
ON DEFINITIONS REPRESENTS MAJOR STEP FOR STANDARDS GROUP
AND SHOULD MAKE GROUP AGRICULTURE REVIEW OF STANDARDS
CODE MORE PRODUCTIVE. LDC INSISTENCE ON EXCESSIVE
S AND D TREATMENT, WHICH WOULD UNDERMINE EFFECTIVENESS OF
CODE, PREVENTED PROGRESS ON TEXT. END SUMMARY.
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2. DEFINITIONS: AS RESULT OF INTENSIVE INFORMAL
DISCUSSIONS AMONG DELEGATIONS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
AND KEY LDC'S, SUBGROUP AGREED ON COMPROMISE LIST OF
DEFINITIONS BASED ON BERGHOLM PAPER (MTN/NTM/W/86).
THIS AGREEMENT POSSIBLE BECAUSE U.S., CANADA, EC AND
JAPAN AGREED TO WITHDRAW AMENDMENTS TO DEFINITIONS THAT

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ATTEMPTED TO RESOLVE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, (E.G., PRODUCTION METHODS, PROCESSING, AND OTHER QUESTIONS OF CODE COVERAGE). THESE ISSUES WILL NOW BE EXAMINED IN CONTEXT OF THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT CODE ITSELF. COMMENT: AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR'S DISCUSSION, REMOVAL OF DEFINITIONS ROADBLOCK WILL FACILITATE PROGRESS IN STANDARDS GROUP AND WILL ALSO PROVIDE FIRM BASIS FOR NEXT WEEK'S REVIEW OF STANDARDS CODE BY GROUP AGRICULTURE. END COMMENT.

3. SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT (S&D): THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHILE NOT PRESENTING A COMMON POSITION, PROPOSED AN UNUSUALLY RHETORICAL "SPRINKLING" OF S&D PROVISIONS IN TEXT OF THE CODE. DESPITE ATTEMPT TO FOCUS DISCUSSION ON THE US PROPOSAL FOR S&D (TPSC 76-79) LDC'S CLEARLY WISHED TO PURSUE A MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE APPROACH. US (KELLY) STRESSED THAT S&D PROPOSALS THAT ARE IRRELEVANT OR DETRACT FROM THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CODE NOT ONLY WILL DELAY PROGRESS ON THE DRAFT, BUT ALSO PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY FOR MEANINGFUL S&D TREATMENT. THIS ARGUMENT HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON THE TONE OF THE MEETING.

4. NEXT MEETING: DATE TO BE SET BY NTM PARENT GROUP AT ITS NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18.

5. COMMENT: US DEL BELIEVES THAT REPETITION OF EXCESSIVE LDC DEMANDS WILL SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE FUTURE PROGRESS IN FULL STANDARDS SUBGROUP. IN THE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON DEFINITIONS LDC'S DID NOT ATTEMPT TO BLOCK WORK,
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BUT THIS WAS IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF THEIR LIMITED INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE. US DEL SHARES BELIEF OF SEVERAL OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRY DELEGATIONS THAT AT THIS STAGE OF THE STANDARDS CODE NEGOTIATIONS, PROGRESS IS MORE LIKELY THROUGH INFORMAL MEETINGS OF KEY DC AND LDC DELS. END COMMENT.WALKER

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